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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : IDEALIST Mission Critique

1. A critique for IDEALIST Mission C-171C will be held in the OSA Control Center on 14 Jun 71 at 1530 hours.

2. Staff representatives should be prepared to brief their portion of mission critique and to ask or answer questions as appropriate to the particular mission. Chief, Intelligence Division should notify representatives of OEL, OSI and NPIC in adequate time that they may be prepared to cover their areas of responsibility.

3. Critique Agenda:

a. Operations: (Planned and actual tracks displayed.)

(1) Introductory remarks.

(2) Review mission preparation, execution, discrepancies, etc., as appropriate.

(3) General comments on mission success.

(4) Introduce OSA representatives.

b. Weather: (Weather overlay displayed.)

(1) Review forecast versus actual weather.

(2) General comments on weather aspects.

c. Materiel:

(1) Review pertinent materiel aspects to include malfunctions of equipment and corrective actions.

(2) Avionics.

(3) Camera operation.

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d. Communications: Review pertinent communications aspects.

e. Intelligence:

(1) Review targets covered versus planned coverage.

(2) Provide details of hostile actions.

(3) Introduce representatives of OEL, OSI and NPIC who will provide an analysis of the mission as it applies to their area of responsibility.

f. Comments by the senior officer present.



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Ch, IDEALIST Div

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U-2 [] MISSION C171C

JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for the collection of information on the beam orientation, or mapping, of selected important Communist Chinese microwave facilities. This U-2R aircraft []

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[] will remain 20 NM off the Communist China mainland.

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 2185 NM
TIME : 5 + 45
T/O FUEL : 1588 GALS
HI CONE : 350 GALS
PROFILE : MAX ALT
TAKE OFF TIME : 0200Z 3 June 1971
2200 2 June 1971 Washington, D.C.

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

The mission aircraft will not come within range of any known SA-2 site. The mission aircraft will come within range of MIG-21 aircraft based at Wuhu, Ku Cheng, and Tsang Hsien Airfields.

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COORDINATION MESSAGES

1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM sites. (1)
2. NPIC's report of the search of latest photographs
available along the mission route for SAM sites. (2)
3. [REDACTED] (3)
4. [REDACTED] (4)
5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5)
6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, and SAM OB in the
area of the mission. (6)

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1. [REDACTED]
- 2.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]

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18 June 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : Resume and Critique of Mission C-171C

1. The Critique for Mission C-171C, flown on 3 June 1971, was held in the OSA Control Center at 1530 hours EST, 14 June 1971. Representatives from OSA, OSI, NPIC and OEL were present. Following personnel critiqued on applicable portions of the mission:

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[redacted] - Mission preparation and evaluation.

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[redacted] - Forecast and actual weather.

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[redacted] - Materiel.

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[redacted] - Avionics.

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[redacted] - Chicom tracking, target coverage and fighter activity.

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[redacted] - Analysis of 17B data.

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Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance	2185 NM
Time to Landing	5.8 Hours
Mission Profile	Maximum Altitude
Take-off Fuel	1488 Gallons
Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone	260 Gallons

3. Weather: The weather along the route was forecast to vary from Cat II (1/8 - 2/8 cloud cover) to Cat V (overcast). The pilot reported the weather as briefed.

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